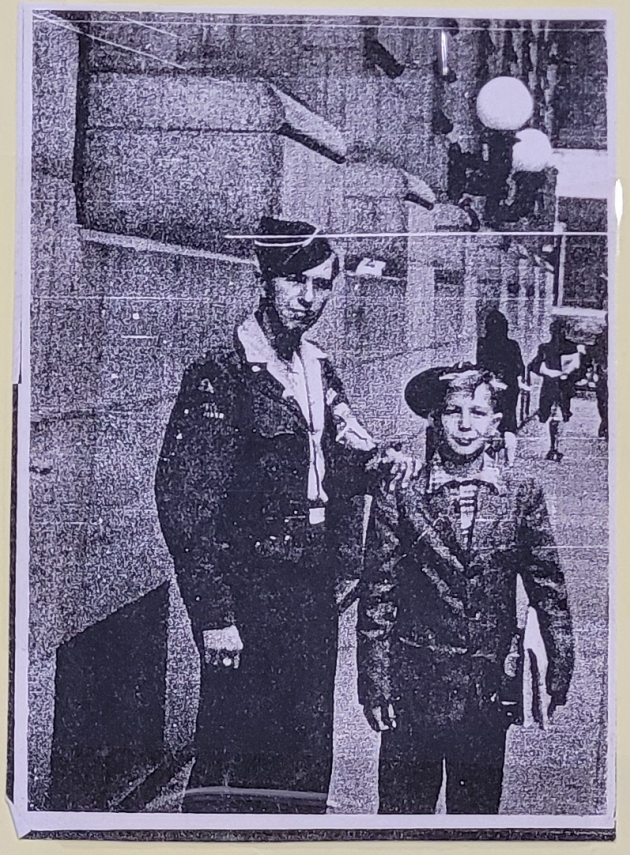
Ray



The Kid

Me + Ray

Original Picture

About 1945

IN MEMORY OF

Raymond Allen Martin, Sr.

August 4, 1934

August 5, 2009

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill
from the sky.

All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know,
God is nigh..

Amen

ARRANGEMENTS BY

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Ray + I

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Sad to say - Ray 'Bo Bo'
Died on Aug 5th - 09.
He was the Baby of our
Family.
Now all of his troubles are over

Love
Jerri 'Brother'

He was about eight when I went into the service. It was gone almost Four Years You can see why we didn't have a whole lot of time or years together. We never did get to live together again. But through the years in person + over the Phone we keeps together. Ray is Seventy Two + I'm Eighty Two. Ray + His Wife live in South Carolina. I would give any thing if I had the ~~Knolege Knodlege~~ Knowledge of every thing like he has. Don't play Trivia or Jeopardy with him unless your Pep. Me Pep + Ray made a trip to Georgia for a week + I loved that time together. We stayed in my Trailer. At certain times when Ray is looking down or slightley to the left ~~its~~ he looks almost like our Brother Junior. He even has that little bounce in his walk like Junior. Something in my "Memory Chip" just clicked in. When I came back from Germany Ray + I took the Bus to Balto. St. + I got a Tatto. It was painfull then. While walking up Balto St, a Street Vender took our picture I was nineteen and he was Nine. I wouldn't trade that picture for the World. Like Tom Hanks said in "Forest Gump"
"That's all I've Got To Say About That"

Ray's Brother.
Jim

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